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PATENT APPLICATION

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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

I, Hugh S. West, Jr., M.D., declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America or country; that my residence and post office address is 1373 East Harvard Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah 84105; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled IMPROVED INTERFERENCE SCREW HAVING INCREASED UPPER DIAMETER, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification attached hereto; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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